have not so far replied to the questionnaire sent by the Commission; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The States from whom replies are awaited by the Commission are Gujarat, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur and Punjab.

Labourers trapped in land slide in Arunachal Pradesh

*6. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what is the fate of 800 labourers who were trapped in a recent land slide, while constructing 230 kms. Roing-Anini road under the Border Roads Task Force in the Union Territory of Arunachal Pradtsh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): Due to very heavy and incessant rainfall on 16th and 17th April 1986, a large number of slides occurred at various locations on road Roing-Hunli-Anini (238.75 kms. in length). About 200 personnel of Border Roads Organisation and 550 casual labourers were temporarily stranded between the slides while they were engaged in execution of works. They were brought to safety subsequently. Only 2 personnel of Border Roads Organisation sustained very minor injuries and there was no other casualty.

Migration from Punjab

*7. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that members of the minority community in Punjab have been migrating to the neighbouring States because of uncertain conditions prevailing in the State following unabated killings of innocent persons by the extremists;

(b) if so, what is the number of families that have so far migrated from Punjab and what arrangements have been made to give them relief; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to bring a sense of security in the minds of the minority community in Punjab to check the migration?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c) According to available information about 1250 families have moved out of certain areas of Punjab to adjoining States upto 14-7-1986, due to extremist activities in the State. In Delhi, dormitory type accommodation has been provided to a few migrant families in Rain Basera (Gole Market). Food has also been provided to them.

The Government of Punjab have informed that a number of steps have been taken to protect the lives and property of Hindus and to set at rest the apprehnsion in their minds. These measures include deployment of additional companies of para-military forces, setting up of special squads in each district with the specific task of apprehending top extremists deployment of CRPF in 33 focal points in Amritsar district deployment of BSF in 75 focal points in Gurdaspur district.

Union Home Minister and Chief Minister, Punjab met Hindu migrants in Delhi on 2-7-1986. The Chief Minister, while assuring them of their safety, persuaded them to return to their homes in Punjab. Two Ministers of State of the Punjab Government accompanied by senior Government official, visited Karnal in Haryana to persuade the migrant families to return to their homes. Prominent persons like the President of Punjab Brahamin Sabha have also been associated with these teams. The State Government have set up an All Party Committee headed by their Minister of Agriculture for con-

tacting the minority community families in the district of Amritsar. A similar Committee has also been set up in Gurdaspur district.

The Home Minister in his letter to the Chief Minister of Punjab has expressed great anxiety in connection with the movement of Hindu families from Punjab and has suggested that:

(a) Immediate steps should be taken by the Punjab Government to instil a sense of security amongst members of the Hindu community to stop further movement;

(b) The State Government should consider sending prominent leaders (especially Sikhs) to Delhi to persuade the families which have moved out of Punjab to return to their homes and to assure to them proper security; and

(c) Those families who do not wish to go back to their places of residence as also those who are likely to move from Punjab apprehending their security should be provided shelter in secure places preferably in the Cantonment areas, within the State.

Agitation for separate 'Gorkhaland'

*8. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been incidents of violent clashes and firing in Darjeeling recently following an agitation by the Gorkha National Liberation Front demanding 'Gorkhalan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the estimated loss of life and property and what is Governments reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. (*See below*).

Statement

The Gorkha National Liberation Front (GNLF) organised a black flag agitation at Darjeeling on 13th April, 1986. The Front also organised a 72-hour bandh from 12th May, 1986. On the first day of the bandh prohibitory orders under section 144 Cr. P. C. were violated in Darjeeling town and minimum use of force was resorted for dispersing the agitators by the use of teargas and lathis. Elsewhere two State transport buses were damaged and several policemen injured. At Panighata under Naxalbari P.S., agitators sought to attack a Police outpost. The police had to open fire resulting in the death of one person and injury to another. Several policemen including one Additional Superintendent of Police were injured in this incident. On the 3rd day of the bandh a State Armed Police picket under Mirrik P.S. was reportedly attacked by the supporters of GNLF. Later, on 25th May, 1986 GNLF activists agitated at Kurseong, hurling brickbats and bombs towards officers and police personnel causing injuries to several personnel. The police were ultimately forced to open fire causing death of 5 persons and injuries to two others. Though there was some tension during the next few days, the situation, according to the State Government, thereafter almost came to normal.

The Central Government remained in touch with the State Government and also made available 3 Companies of BSF and 5 Companies of CRPF. The Government is keeping a watch on the situation.

Corruption charges against the former Chief Minister of Haryana

*9. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a memorandum containing certain specific corruption charges against the former Chief Minister of Harayna, Shri Bhajan Lal, was submitted recently to the Prime Minister and whether the reports of Justice Jaswant Singh and of